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## PUT NEWPORT ON THE HIGHWAY ROUTE

### CONNECT WITH N. C. ROUTES

Two North Carolina Counties Are Making a Fight For the Route.

### BOTH SPENDING MONEY

Mr. J. W. Fisher and Unaka Tannery Offer to Contribute Toward Fund to Build the Connecting Link With the Cosby Pike and the Haywood County Pike.

Mr. J. W. Fisher and the Unaka Tannery have offered to subscribe \$500 towards a fund to grade and put the Cocke county portion of a highway connecting with the Haywood county road in good condition for travel.

Will or will not Newport be on the Knoxville to Asheville Highway and thus become a part of the great national highway?

This is a question which is up to the county court of Cocke county, and it is one which should receive their consideration.

A meeting is scheduled for Knoxville this week, at which time the route of the highway will be discussed. There are two routes, one by way of Sevierville, Jones Cove, Waynesville and then to Asheville, and one by way of Morristown, Salem and Del Rio, either of which would leave Newport off the route.

Either route could be made to come by the way of Newport and it is a question for the county court.

Madison county is pulling for this highway, and will build roads direct to the Cocke county line. This county has recently secured an act from the legislature permitting them to appropriate funds to build a highway from the Runcome county to the Cocke county line. It also has \$300,000 which it is to spend on better roads.

Cocke county has spent that much money but has not extended the road in any one direction, except one, where it can find an outlet into another county.

The Madison county highway will offer obstacles of much importance, and Cocke county people should join with Haywood county in making the route by way of Waynesville.

The following letter from Mr. F. W. Miller, president of the Haywood county good roads association will explain itself. It was written to Mr. J. W. Fisher who has always been an exponent of improvements for Cocke county:

"Waynesville, N. C., July 26, 1913

"Mr. J. W. Fisher,

"Newport, Tenn.

"Dear Mr. Fisher:

"As you know we are trying to induce our County Commissioners to build the North Carolina Central Highway to the Cocke county line so as to have it open by next summer. They are holding back, however, claiming that they have no assurance from Cocke county officials that they will be met at the State line. Mr. Bass tells us that he talked with you regarding this matter and that you are interested and are willing for your company to financially aid the undertaking. This we were certainly glad to hear for we feel that with your influence at your end of the line and your willingness to aid in the building of the road that we can accomplish what we have started out to do.

"Our Commissioners will meet here the first Monday in August when we expect to go before them and ask that they send at once all our convict force and other road forces to the Cocke county line and push the road through to this place within the shortest possible time. We want to ask if you won't see the proper authorities of your county and have them write us that Cocke County will put its road force to work at the State line working towards

Newport and push their part of the road to an early completion if Haywood county will begin at once at the State line and complete its part of the Central highway.

Yours truly,  
"F. W. MILLER."

This would have been a very good place to use the ten thousand dollars which the government wanted to spend on a road in this section. Mr. Fisher, and the Unaka Tannery are willing to aid financially the project, as is shown by the offer at the beginning of this article.

## FONDNESS FOR ANOTHER'S WIFE

Puts Rev. Joe Owens, Virginia Preacher, on Rock Pile.

Bristol, Tenn., Aug. 2.—The Rev. Joe Owens, the Baptist minister who ran away with the wife of the Rev. J. W. Blankenship, of Washington county, Virginia, after representing that he had come into the community to build a new church, is now serving time with the state convicts in the building of a stone road between this city and Abingdon, Va. He was given ninety days on the chain gang after being brought back from West Virginia, to which state he fled with Mrs. Blankenship.

The woman with whom he eloped was the wife of a highly respected minister of the Baptist church. She exposed Owens to the authorities in West Virginia, but later repented, of this act, when her fondness for the adventurer returned. She went to Abingdon, inquiring the cost of a divorce and announcing a purpose to be divorced from her husband.

Owens, it was alleged, carried away funds which he had collected for the proposed new church, when he took his flight with Mrs. Blankenship, leaving his own life and children behind, but it is now said that it was not proven that he had taken the money raised for church purposes.

## HEN LAYS EGG IN MASTER'S BED

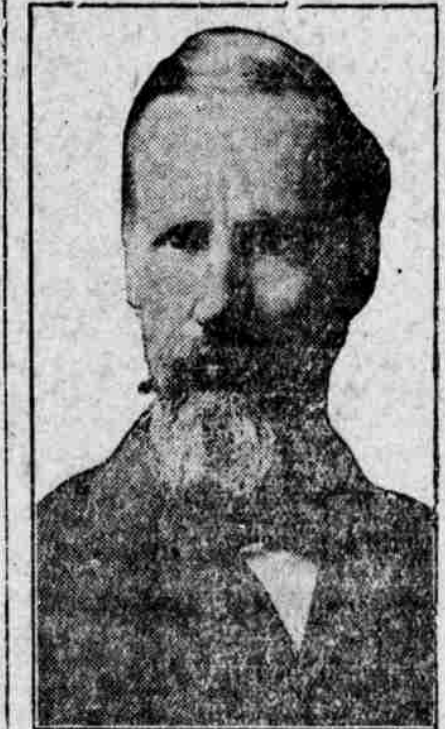
Tullahoma, Tenn., Aug. 2.—Judge Charles T. Wilson of Manchester, relates an incident that proves conclusively that it pays to be kind to dumb animals as well as to persons. He had a five Plymouth Rock hen that stole her nest and in a few weeks brought up a fine brood of chicks. The other larger chicks would not allow the wee chicks to get their share of the feed, so Judge Wilson sought a secluded spot where the old mother bird and her brood soon learned to congregate to await the arrival of their master. The wee chicks are now weaned and on last week the old hen sought out Judge Wilson's bedroom, and daily since that time, she has faithfully rewarded him for his kind treatment by depositing a fine fresh egg on his bed.

## REVENUE OFFICERS ARE VERY ACTIVE

Run Across a Still Before It is Put In Operation and the Owner Claims That He Had It Made for Apple Butter—Find 60 Gallon Outfit In Operation.

I. E. E. Beal of the Internal Revenue Department came to Newport Monday for the purpose of investigating the capture of a still, some time back on the premises of Harrison Caldwell, near Nallion. The still a 45-gallon copper outfit had never been used and the officials claim that they came up on it, just a moment too soon; that they found some malt in the house and that the worm was known to be nearby but was not found by them. The still was located by Big Simmons and A. B. Henderson, and it promises some interesting complications, as Caldwell claims that it was not a still, but was a contrivance which he had

## BAD TANGLE IN ELECTION CASE



JUDGE M. M. NEIL

In an opinion filed with supreme court clerk Friday, Chief Justice M. M. Neil, of the supreme court, denied the writ of supersedeas which sought to dissolve the injunction of Judge A. B. Neil preventing the old election board of Davidson county from conducting an election. In his opinion, however, Justice Neil stated that his former opinion in which he dissolved the injunction of Judge A. B. Neil commanding the old board to turn over the election machinery to the new board, would stand, and that should the new board attempt to conduct the primary and later be declared an illegal board that the primary would be null and void.

## JUDGE CATE HOLDS COURT

Presides at Dandridge in Absence of Judge McHenderson—Interesting Auto Case.

Judge H. N. Cate has returned from Dandridge where he held Circuit court there last week for Judge McHenderson, who is still confined to his home at Rutledge. The docket was a heavy one, and the business of the court was well attended to by the acting judge.

An interesting case which was the first case in local courts under the acts of 1905 as to 20-mile speed limit was given to the jury in October, 1911. T. H. Bales, with his nephew, C. A. Bales, was returning to Jefferson City from court here when their buggy met two machines three miles out on the pike. Their horse was frightened, began rearing and plunging, when one line broke and both the Bales men were thrown out, T. H. Bales being hurt, and a bone being broken in his leg. Suit was brought against the owners, J. R. Moser and T. C. Burnett, for \$5,000 damages, charging loud noises and smoke and high speed as elements of carelessness on the part of the auto men, Burnett driving his machine. The jury returned a verdict against Jno. R. Moser and his driver \$87.50 damages, this being the first car to get near the Bales buggy.

## GOVERNOR IS FEASTED

Mountaineers Tender Chief Executive All Day Barbecue.

## RAIN SPOILED HIS SPEECH

Regular Downpour Came From Heaven When the Governor Began to Talk to His Mountain Friends—Fain Springs Was Again a Scene of an Unusual Feast.

Up in the corner of Nowhere, as the guests of his mountain friends, Governor Hooper was on Friday tendered a barbecue.

The scene was the historic Fain Springs, twelve miles from a railroad, and so inaccessible, that the mountain folk had cut trails and roads in order that their distinguished guest and other guests might reach the spot.

Every mountain cove sent its share of citizens to participate in the celebration and it was estimated that fully one thousand of the mountain folk had gathered, many of them women, when the Governor began his speech, but it was not a good day for a speech-making, as the heavens turned loose a downpour of rain, soon after the Governor had opened his mouth and there was a rush for cover, it being miles to the nearest house. Shacks occupied by the cattlemen furnished a shelter for some of them and others absorbed as much of the wetness as possible.

Two years ago the governor was given a feast at the very same spot, only on that occasion the plans had not been worked out as carefully. Instead of a little black bull being led to the slaughter, a veal had been watched with care for weeks and together with a fine mutton which had also been feeding on the laurels, were offered as a part of the feast and the good mountain folk carried baskets of good things to eat, and altogether it was the most important event which has transpired in that community.

Fain Springs is located in a corner of Sevier county, close to where Cocke, Jefferson and Sevier are linked. It's waters cannot be matched anywhere, and but for the fact that it is so hard to reach, would be one of the famed resorts of this section. In years gone by, there were a dozen or more summer cabins located about it, but piles of brick showing where the chimneys stood, are all that remain of them now.

The governor rode horseback from Carson Springs and before he was given an opportunity to tell the good people of the mountains of the things which had been taking place at Nashville since he last been with them, the rain came down in torrents and all speaking was put to a stop.

Rev. J. W. O'Hara who preceded the governor, was more fortunate as he was enabled to preach a sermon of length without being interrupted by any such thing as a storm.

About twenty were present from Newport.

## MRS. REAMS PASSES AWAY

Wife of Irwin Reams dies at the Family Home Tuesday Morning.

Mrs. Irwin Reams, aged 77 years, wife of a well known Cocke countian died at her home, South of Newport, Tuesday morning after an illness of some time, which became serious a month ago. Death was due to heart trouble.

The deceased was a sister of the late E. P. McQueen who died but recently in Loudon. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. C. L. Harrison of Lenoir City; Mrs. W. A. Lowry of Knoxville; Mrs. Joel Rains of Kansas; Mrs. J. A. Burchfield of Jefferson county; W. E. Reams of Knoxville and Miss Maude Reams who is at home.

One sister, Mrs. Nannie Neeley of Brevard, N. C., and two brothers who are in the west also survive her.

The funeral services were held from the family home, Rev. J. W. O'Hara officiating. Interment was made in the Union Cemetery at Newport Wednesday morning.

## MAD DOG ON RAMPAGE

Several Dogs Bitten By Canine on Jones Hill.

## IS KILLED AT CASE'S MILL

Head is Sent Away—First Mad Dog of Season Was Killed on the Farm of Ed C. Burnett by Miss Edith Burnett, After Having Bitten Several Calves and Chickens.

"Lookout for the mad dog."

Such was the word of warning which was heralded here and there last Friday evening and Saturday, and finally a little black fox dog, with a white ring about its neck, lay dead with numerous bullets in its body, but it had done its damage, ere a boy with a gun stumbled upon it.

There has been mad dog talk for the past two weeks. The first dog with rabies was seen near the farm of Ed C. Burnett two weeks ago. It bit several calves and played havoc with the chickens, but Miss Edith Burnett, who handles a shot gun or a weapon as though she had been at home with them all her life, lay in ambush for the canine and when he came back looking for more chickens to bite, she cut down on him with a shot gun and Mr. Mad Dog passed in his checks.

A few days later there was a report of a mad dog having been killed in the vicinity of the tannery, and another in Eastport, but there was no general alarm until Friday when the little black dog showed up on Jones Hill, and he bit first one dog after another, and every chicken which he came across did some tall flying or else lost a goodly quantity of feathers, and some lost their heads.

An alarm was sent out, but whenever the dog was seen, it was seen by persons who were not mad dog hunting. As a result he had a free field on the hill, and left his marks on many dogs. He was next heard from the Bob Jones' farm, but was headed off, and came back onto Jones Hill, Saturday evening where he came under the watchful eye of Walter Proffitt at Case's mill, and there he was shot to death.

Policeman Samples took charge of the dog's head and has sent it away for examination, and if the reports are made that he was rabid, it will be a bad day for Jones' Hill dogs for there are a score or more which are destined to pay the penalty of associating with the mad dog. Several dogs have already been killed, and others will be penned up pending the investigation.

Misses Catlett and Wilson will leave next week for Baltimore. They will be gone about two weeks. A fine line of coat suits, millinery and dry goods, will be bought for the early autumn and winter season.

## RANKS OF VETERANS ARE THINNING FAST

Records Show That in Seven Years Half of the Total Number of the Local G. A. R. Camp Have Answered Their Last Roll Call.

That death is gradually making inroads into the membership of Post No. 71, Grand Army of the Republic is shown in figures just announced. The Post was organized in 1906 and since that time no less than twenty-six have passed into the Great Beyond, while there are but thirty members surviving. The next regular communication will be held Thursday, September 4th, and all comrades are urged to attend.

An inspection of the record shows the following members in good standing: C. F. Boyer, John Black, W. H. Bolespaw, J. F. Case, W. P. Corkin, Edith Clark, O. P. Chambers, Abraham Dawson, John Gregg, J. S. Green, Wm. Huff, David Hicks, Greene Ingram, Wm. Johnson, Austin Jenkins, John Lovell, Abner Morgan, Wm. Phillips, E. S. Redwine, Jos. Rutherford, M. D. Shultz, J. M. Sutton, P. L. Stiles, Ephraim Smelser, James Samples, George Scruggs, Marshall Wilson, F. M. Wright, James White, head. Total 30.

## O. L. HICKS HOLDS JOB

Charges Against Him Fall Flat When Investigated.

## WILL FILL OUT HIS TERM

Indications Are That There Will Be No Removal of Republican Postmasters on Charges Preferred By Disgruntled Republicans—Other Postmasters Will Not Be Disturbed.

There will be no immediate change in the Newport postoffice, the postoffice department having ruled that charges preferred by disgruntled Republicans will have no credence with the department, and as a result Postmaster O. L. Hicks has been given a clean slate and unless something to the contrary transpires, will hold the office until his time expires, April 23, 1916.

Washington.—Representative Sam R. Sells, of the First Tennessee district, has been notified by Postmaster General Burleson that charges that had been lodged against postmasters at Sevierville, Jonesboro, and Newport, had not been sustained and are dropped.

This is the first advice received in regard to these offices being investigated, though it has been known that postmasters were being investigated on charges of "pernicious political activity." This has brought forth a large number of applications for the respective offices, especially at Sevierville and Newport, who will now have to bide their time.

At Newport, O. L. Hicks, has until April 23, 1916.

At Sevierville, I. A. Watson, until the same date.

At Jonesboro, James S. Bird, has until September 5, 1915.

## JEFFERSON CO. SELLS BONDS

Dandridge, Tenn. Aug. 2.—At a special session of the county court held here today, the pike commission's sale of \$150,000 road and bridge bonds were sold to C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, through the Union Bank & Trust Co., of Jackson. The bonds were sold at par and accrued interest. They bear interest at the rate of five per cent, and will extend thirty years.

The money will be used for some bridge repairs, and for the completion of Jefferson county's system of pikes, now one of the finest of any county in the state.

The family of Mr. John Stokely vacated the property of Mr. Griffin on Church Street Monday and are now located in the home of Mrs. Alec Ragan on Church Street. Luther Bible will occupy the Griffin home.